

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, June 28, 2010

#### A. Call to Order

Mayor Cassinelli called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## **B.** Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### C. Roll Call

Present: Councilors Jensen, Chin, Marshall, Greene and Forner, along with Mayor Cassinelli.

#### D. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Cassinelli requested that Discussion item #4, the Ordinance prohibiting feeding of wildlife, be moved to item #1 to accommodate the presence of the police chief. Councilor Jensen requested that his name be added next to Business item #2 on the agenda, Resolution adopting Six Year Transportation Plan. ACTION: Motion was made to approve the agenda with the adjustments mentioned by Mayor Cassinelli and Councilor Jensen. (Marshall/Greene). 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

## E. Approval of Amended Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion was made to approve the consent agenda excluding the approval of the workshop and meeting minutes from June 14, 2010. (Greene/Marshall) 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

#### F. Presentation

Heather Pinkerton and Corri Schmid described the scope of the 2008/2009 financial statement audit and 2009 federal single compliance audit. Questions were then answered.

### G. Reports

#### 1. Staff Reports

- a. Police Chief Flint Wright no report.
- b. Project Manager Gary Kobes stated that WSDOT had signed off on the Beards Hollow Overlook project.
- c. City Treasurer Elaine McMillan had provided a written report and mentioned the progress on B&O tax compliance. Councilor Greene requested information be included in the next months report regarding business license filings. Councilor Marshall asked that the debt payments on the Wasterwater fund not be straight lined in the reports.
- d. City Clerk PJ Kezele submitted a summary of the significant progress on delinquent account collections which was read by Mayor Cassinelli.

# 2. Council Reports

- a. Councilor Jensen had nothing to report.
- b. Councilor Chin reported that she had attended the recent AWC conference and had been in contact with Skip Rand.
- c. Councilor Marshall had nothing to report.
- d. Councilor Greene reported that he had also attended the AWC conference. He and the mayor had met with the Red Cross regarding the MOU for Emergency Communications and use of the Community Building on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. He had worked at the food bank which is low on supplies. He also reminded the council that the city is dipping into reserves to pay sewer debt payments.
- e. Councilor Forner reported that he had attended the AWC conference.

### 3. Mayor's Report

The mayor reported that he had met with an officer of the Coast Guard that is interested in working closer with the city on community service and other issues. He also pointed out that the city was listed in Coastal Living magazine as a top spot to watch fireworks. The Wastewater plant had received a performance award.

### H. Comments of Citizens and Guests present

- 1. Ed Leonard, 2160 Nesadi: recommended passing an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of wildlife.
- 2. Don Berger, Vandalia: suggested that even though the city was in poor financial condition it should do a better job of supporting the merchants.
- 3. Debby Goforth, 428 Lake Street: stated that she supported an ordinance regarding the prohibition of feeding wildlife.

### I. Business

## 1. Appointment to Vacant Seat on the Planning Commission

The mayor requested that Debby Goforth's appointment to the Planning Commission be approved by the council. ACTION: Motion was made to approve the mayor's appointment of Debby Goforth to the planning commission. (Greene/Jensen) 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

#### 2. Resolution adopting the Six-Year Transportation Plan

Councilor Jensen discussed annual requirement to file the plan. He passed out an updated plan that increased the distance of the School Road project as well as changing its priority. Councilor Greene requested the cul-de-sacs of Vandalia be added to the plan and Councilor Marshall requested that a sidewalk improvement plan be added.

ACTION: Motion was made to approve the resolution adopting the six year transportation plan with the addition of the sidewalk project and Vandalia cul-desacs (Greene/Marshall). A roll call vote was taken. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

3. Resolution establishing a One-Time Payment Plan Option for accounts that became delinquent prior to May 1, 2010 with the amendments recommended by Councilor Marshall which was moved forward from Discussion item. ACTION: Motion to approve the Resolution establishing a One-Time Payment Plan Option for accounts that became delinquent prior to May 1, 2010, with the amendments recommended by Councilor Marshall. (Greene/Marshall) A roll call vote was taken. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

4. Red Cross MOU for Emergency Communications at the Community Center which was moved forward from Discussion item.
ACTION: Motion to approve and allow the mayor to sign the Red Cross MOU for Emergency Communications at the Community Center. (Greene/Marshall) 5 Ayes 0

#### J. Discussion

Navs 0 Abstain.

### 1. Ordinance prohibiting the feeding of wildlife

Chin stated that the issue was a people problem, not an animal problem. She proposed that the council put in place an ordinance which would prohibit the feeding of wild animals such as raccoons and bears. Various councilors, the police chief and citizens discussed the issue. The council agreed that an ordinance needed to be drafted. Councilor Chin would take the lead and a special meeting would be held on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> to handle this business item as a potential emergency issue. Councilor Jensen is to advise of his availability for the special meeting.

2. Resolution establishing a One-Time Payment Plan Option for Accounts that became delinquent prior to May 1, 2010

Councilor Greene explained that this second pass at offering a payment plan was for a small scope of time with the issue resolved prior to the end of 2010. Councilor Marshall requested that any reference in the resolution to "hang tag" be changed to read "shutoff notice" and that the word Delinquency be stricken from the title of the plan document. Additionally, he requested that the work agree on item three of the plan document be changed to say acknowledge.

ACTION: Motion to move the Resolution establishing a One-Time Payment Plan Option for accounts that became delinquent prior to May 1, 2010, with the amendments recommended by Councilor Marshall to a business item of this meeting. (Greene/Forner) 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

3. Ordinance establishing a procedure for adjusting water bills resulting from metered water leaks

After much discussion, the councilors decided to move forward with continued investigation of this potential ordinance. Councilor Chin will contact Skip Rand to obtain his suggestion. Councilor Greene would like more data on the economics of the issue such as how many leaks are incurred each year and how many leaks Long Beach ends up forgiving each year in proportion to the number of accounts and total water revenue.

4. Red Cross MOU for Emergency Communications at the Community Center Councilor Greene explained the purpose of the MOU for a radio room to handle emergency communications and the many meetings that had been held to reach the agreement. ACTION: Motion to move the MOU to a business item. (Marshall/Greene) 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

## **K.** Future Discussion: Pending

- 1. Insurance coverage: Properties not listed on original bid.
- 2. Sale of Steed house.
- 3. Stormwater Utility Ordinance.

### L. Executive Session

None.

# M. Adjournment

ACTION: Motion to adjourn (Greene/Forner). Mayor Cassinelli adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

	Mike Cassinelli, Mayor
Elaine McMillan, City Treasurer	